

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 06401.00466)

In re U.S. Patent Application of)	
Kightlinger, et al.)	
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Application No. 10/805,762)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: March 22, 2004)	Group Art Unit: 1623
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For: Method for Preparing Hydroxyalkyl)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed for consideration prior to examination of the above referenced U.S. patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Prior to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.